

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I on which claims 1 and 3-7 are readable, without traverse. Applicant reserves the opportunity to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected invention later.

In response to the Examiner's Election of Species Requirement, Applicant hereby elects Specie 1A on which claim 7 is readable, without traverse. Applicant submits that claims 1 and 3-6 are generic elected claims. Applicant reserves the opportunity to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected species later.

Further, in view of the election of Group I on which claims 1 and 3-7 are readable, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's allegation on pages 2-4 of the Office Action with respect to an alleged omission regarding why claim 2 is patentable over Itoh is rendered moot.

In addition, with respect to the Examiner's allegation on page 2 of the Office Action concerning the signature of the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 filed on September 23, 2009, while Applicant completely disagrees with the Examiner's allegation, to expedite prosecution, in the spirit of compact prosecution, the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 is hereby resubmitted as requested in order to alleviate the Examiner's concerns.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that this signature method has never been previously objected to by any other Examiner and complies with all rules and regulations, including 37 C.F.R. § 1.34. The undersigned is not aware of any requirement in 37 C.F.R. or the MPEP which indicates more than one signature to be required.

The Examiner references 37 C.F.R. § 1.34. This rule states nothing about signature requirements, let alone the Examiner's assertion that listing two (2) names and two (2) registration numbers on paper demands that two (2) signatures be required.

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.


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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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